

Friends,

November 20, 2014

Much of the news from last week's Governor & Council meeting came in the form of nominations. Governor Hassan brought forward several nominations which will be voted on at our next meeting December 3rd:

- Community planner Roger Hawk of Concord and attorney Patricia Weathersby of Rye to the Site Evaluation Committee for state energy projects (replacing her previous and now withdrawn nominations of Senators Bob O'Dell and Amanda Merrill).
- Public Utilities Commission member Martin Honigberg to serve as the PUC's Chair, following former Chair Amy Ignatius's confirmation as a state Superior Court Judge.
- Vicky Cimino as Director of the Division of Travel & Tourism
- Kathleen Carr as Director of Administration for the state Department of Justice
- 15 other nominations to volunteer roles on various state boards & commissions.

We also voted to approve a number of local projects – short summaries are just below, followed by more details on each at the bottom of this email and links to the full contracts/documentation there as well. Approved:

IN CENTRAL NH: No significant local projects of note.

IN MONADNOCK CO & WESTERN NH: No significant local projects of note.

IN & AROUND STRAFFORD CO: Establish a hearing for local input on proposed improvements to Rt. 9 in Roxbury & Sullivan; support for the Soak Up the Rain Great Bay project; waterfront work on Little Bay in Newington.

STATEWIDE PROJECTS: Winter and summer maintenance truck and spreaders for the expanded portion of I-93 in southern NH; grants for electric vehicle charging infrastructure on NH roads; conservation projects for the New England cottontail rabbit; and statewide programs to improve response to sexual assault and advocacy for victims of domestic violence.

APPOINTMENTS: See below for the full list. Our next meeting is Wednesday, December 3rd in Concord. As always, I welcome any feedback or questions you have.

Sincerely,

Colin
Executive Councilor, District 2

[FULL 11/12 AGENDA](#)

(or follow the links below for documentation of each item)

FULL INFORMATION

DETAIL: STRAFFORD COUNTY

[#D](#). Authorized the Bureau of Right of Way's petition for a hearing on the proposed improvements to NH Route 9 in the Towns of Roxbury and Sullivan, and to appoint a commission to hold a hearing, and, if the necessity is found, to layout the new highway at this location, with a suggested budget of \$1929.20.

[#42](#) Authorized to enter into a **sole source** Cooperative Project Agreement with the University of NH, to complete the Soak Up the Rain Great Bay Landscaper Training Project, in the amount of \$45,199. Effective upon G&C approval through March 31, 2016. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#44](#) Authorized Jeffrey/Nellann Hiatt's request to perform work on Little Bay, Newington, NH.

STATEWIDE PROJECTS AND POLICIES

[#18](#) Authorized the Bureau of Mechanical Services to transfer \$1,231,000 from Highway Surplus to fund the acquisition and outfitting of equipment to provide winter and summer maintenance for the expanded portion of I-93 that will be open to traffic in the fall of 2015. (2)Further Authorized to increase the size of the fleet by 9 new trucks and 7 material spreaders as a result of the expanded I-93 road lanes and the need to provide winter and summer maintenance for the expanded portion of I-93 that will be open to traffic in the fall of 2015. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **100% Highway Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on November 10, 2014.**

[#26](#) Authorized to enter into a memorandum of agreement with the Department of Environmental Services, Concord, NH, to support and promote installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure and idling reduction technologies in state and municipal vehicles, in the amount of \$50,000. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2016. **100% Federal Funds (State Energy Program).**

[#40](#) Authorized to accept and expend \$354,025 in federal funds through a grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Service to conserve New England cottontail. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on November 10, 2014.**

[#55](#) Authorized to accept and expend a grant from the US Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women, in the amount of \$866,833 for the purposes of establishing a statewide program to improve the response to sexual assault by supporting services for victims and by providing training and resources for law enforcement and prosecution to better recognize, investigate and prosecute cases of sexual assault. (2)Further Authorized to enter into sub grants with the agencies as detailed in letter dated October 16, 2014, in the total amount of \$709,807, from the OVW Arrest Grant, to support their activities in the coordination and implementation of this Statewide initiative. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on November 10, 2014.**

[#57](#) Authorized to **retroactively** accept and expend a new grant award from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, in the amount of \$449,443 for the purpose of no-cost civil legal assistance and advocacy to victims of domestic violence who proceed pro se in court hearings and to assist in continuing supervised visitation and exchange services. (2) Further Authorized to **retroactively** enter into sub grants with the agencies as detailed in letter dated October 10, 2014, in the amount of \$355,962, from the FY 2014 JFF to support their activities in the coordination of providing support services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. Effective October 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on November 10, 2014.**

5. DETAIL: APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS

(* = District 2 Resident)

New Nominations by Governor Hassan:

Executive Branch Ethics Committee

Dorothy E. Graham (d), Manchester, NH

Fish and Game Commission

Todd Baldwin (i), Thornton, NH

Barry J. Carr (i), Milton

NH Housing Finance Authority

Connie Boyles Lane, Concord, NH*

Joint Promotional Program Screening Committee

George C. Pappas, Portsmouth, NH

Director of Administration at the Department of Justice

Kathleen B. Carr, Chichester

Board of Registration of Medical Technicians

William B. Clutterbuck, Bedford, NH

Cynthia A. Gray, Derry, NH

Arthur W. Yan, Auburn, NH

New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission

Thomas P. Ballesterio, Madbury, NH*

Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission

Martin P. Honigberg, Concord, NH*

Director of Travel and Tourism at the Department of Resources and Economic Development

Victoria Cimino, New York, NY

NH Retirement System Board of Trustees

Julia N. Griffin, Hanover, NH

Rivers Management Advisory Committee

Michele L. Tremblay, Boscawen, NH*

Site Evaluation Committee

Roger C. Hawk, Concord, NH*

Patricia M. Weathersby, Rye, NH

Volunteer NH Board of Directors

Renee V. Perreault, Deerfield, NH

Gregory S. Stephens, Manchester, NH

Water Council

Malcolm R. Butler, Hillsboro, NH

Wetlands Council

Robert N. Snelling, Holderness, NH

Confirmed by the Council:

Community Development Finance Authority

Mary Ann Kristiansen, Roxbury, NH*

Director of Historical Resources at the Department of Cultural Resources

Elizabeth H. Muzzey, Concord, NH*

Board of Licensed Dietitians

Rebecca L. Dunn, Nelson, NH*

Enhanced 911 Commission

Derek J. Martel, Concord, NH*

Board of Mental Health Practice

Diane L. Vaccarello, Bedford, NH

New Motor Vehicle Arbitration Board

Debra A. Page, Rye, NH

Real Estate Commission

Calley Milne, Manchester, NH

Site Selection Committee

Brian J. Hotz, Warner, NH*

Director of Policy and Administration at the Department of Transportation

Frances E. Buczynski, Franklin, NH*

Director of Finance at the Department of Transportation

Marie A. Mullen, Bow, NH

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